

Pacific Southwest Region

Outreach Notice Modoc National Forest



Interdisciplinary: Social Scientist/Biological Scientist (NEPA Planner) GS-0101/0401-09/11

The Modoc National Forest is planning to fill an East Zone **NEPA Planner, GS-0101/0401-09/11** position, with a duty station of **Devil's Garden Ranger District Office in Alturas, CA.** Interested individuals are encouraged to complete the attached voluntary Outreach Interest Form and send it to Tim Davis at tedavis@fs.fed.us by the close of business on **October 2, 2014.**

MAJOR DUTIES:

Develops the annual program of work for all aspects of the unit NEPA accomplishment program. Responsible for gathering all the appropriate information in order to develop the current and long-range project planning. Forecast projected financial, informational, administrative, and staffing needs based on input from all program areas. Responsible for the development, monitoring and maintenance of planning documents and action plans for all aspects of the program of work, including monitoring targets and making changes when needed.

Serves as contact for facilitating the project planning efforts between inter—and intra-agency organizations. Coordinates the assimilation of needed requirements including environmental design, budget, safety, etc., in all program-planning efforts. Instructs project staff on the plan standards and guidelines related to natural resource management proposals. If changes are required to the unit plan components, recommends changes based on founded results or new technical data.

When needed, acts as contracting officer's representative (COR) for NEPA contracts. Based on environmental analyses develops contract statement of work. Based on NEPA documents, regulations, directive, manuals, etc. develops supplemental material when needed. Offers ideas and assistance concerning the execution of manuals, handbooks and field guides, and on operations of specific programs

Responsible for the collection and the analysis of professional social, cultural and economic data to measure and evaluate the effects of impacts of management proposals on the social, cultural or economic environment.

Formulates various documents e.g., decision memos, environmental assessments and environmental impact statements and related instruments and make recommendation in order that Responsible Officials can make decisions on issues and affected resources or environments. Develops subject plans for specific areas or accountability (i.e., social, cultural or economic, etc.). Reviews and develops final documents concerning status of projects. Works with others concerning the efforts to utilize state-of-the-art techniques for analytical decision-making, statistical and economic analysis, information display and modification or adaption of them to fit units planning needs.

Gathers and evaluates subject matter documents prepared by others and includes the required information and assumptions into the NEPA source document. Offers technical knowledge to others concerning technical writing. Provides advice to responding official regarding informational needs.

May create social, cultural or economic study reports and evaluations into the correct portion of the NEPA informational document or may evaluate NEPA documents developed by others.

Serves as a main point of contact for NEPA activities for the unit and a primary expert in the development and processing of NEPA documents. Is the primary contact to the public and other federal or public office on the NEPA processing of documents, appeals, etc.

Serves as a member of an interdisciplinary team carrying out complete environmental studies and evaluations concerning a variety of resources, such as social, cultural, economics, land, air, water, timber, recreation, wildlife, fisheries, and/or additional special area. Keeps supervisor abreast of the various levels of NEPA documentation.

Supports resources specialists working on the interdisciplinary team and contributes to the team as they work through the evaluation, analysis and documentation concerning the proposals and decisions in environmental impact statements, environmental assessments, and/or categorical exclusions. Create work plans for specific projects including such information as time and personnel. Tracks and makes changes as needed based on work schedules and milestone objectives.

Provides direction and supervision during the NEPA process. Direction includes scoping, identification of issues, development of alternatives, and the creation of the NEPA document. Provides on-going guidance during the development of the documents from beginning to completion. Ensures the NEPA documents created by the interdisciplinary team are developed in accordance with applicable law, regulation and policy. Reviews NEPA documents and specialist reports. Coordinates higher-level reviews as needed.

Conducts field surveys and accomplishes technical reconnaissance to gather information required to define study objectives.

Uses social, cultural or economic resources databases in order to formulate recommendations to superiors. Performs analysis of existing data and collection for accuracy and appropriateness, and supplements data to complete or sustain a current inventory of the natural resources.

For more information on this position, contact Tim Davis at (530) 233-8812 or tedavis@fs.fed.us.

ABOUT THE MODOC NATIONAL FOREST:

The Modoc National Forest is landscaped with mountains, pine forests, meadows, lakes, streams, rugged canyons, wetlands, lava beds, and high desert plateaus...a land of contrasts, where crowds and congestion are non-existent. The environment experiences warm, dry summers and cold wet winters. The temperatures in January range from an average high of 44 to an average low of 18, with July temperatures ranging from an average high of 88 to an average low of 44 degrees. Precipitation ranges from 4.94" to 20.8", with an annual average of 12.0". Elevations range from 4,300' to 9,934'. Gross Forest acreage is 1,979,407 acres.

The Modoc is an exciting destination for those interested in history and archeology. The Forest lies within an area occupied by Modoc, Achomawi (or Pit River), and Northern Paiute Native American tribes, with archeological evidence which suggests the area's first inhabitants settled here more than 10,000 years ago. The Forest is home to more than 300 species of wildlife, including the

rocky mountain mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and Canada geese. A wild horse and burro territory is located in the Devil's Garden and Doublehead Ranger Districts. The Pacific Flyway for migratory waterfowl crosses directly over the Modoc National Forest. Additionally, because of the varied landscape, the Forest hosts an abundance of diverse plant life.

The South Warner Wilderness offers backpackers and horseback riders 79 miles of trails in the 70,385 acres. Winter recreation is available at the Cedar Pass Snow Park, 15 miles east of Alturas. A snowmobile trailhead is located at the Doorknob Snow Park, 1 ½ miles south of the Lava Beds National Monument. You can choose from a variety of campgrounds or picnic areas, available on a first come first served basis. Recreational opportunities include hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, horseback riding, hang gliding, snow and water skiing, bird watching, and collecting rocks and gemstones.

More information on the Modoc National Forest is on our website: <http://fs.usda.gov/modoc/> .

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:

Alturas: The Devil's Garden Ranger District office is located in Alturas, CA, which has a population of 3000, and is the county seat of Modoc County. Alturas is a full service community with a hospital, doctors, public schools, businesses, and recreational facilities. The cost of living is reasonable. Home costs range from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Rentals for 2-3 bedrooms are approximately \$300-\$500. The public school system provides instruction for grades K-12 and offers numerous extra-curricular activities. Additionally, the Lassen College Extension Office offers a variety of night courses. Alturas also has various churches representing many denominations.

For More Information Contact: Alturas Chamber of Commerce, 522 S. Main Street, Alturas, CA. 96101. Telephone is 530-222-4433; and, FAX 530-222-4434, or visit their website at www.alturaschamber.org/

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OUTREACH INTEREST FORM

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NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____USFS _____BLM _____OTHER_____

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Submission of this form is voluntary – Thanks for your interest!

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